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Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the International Association of Medical Equipment Remarketers (IAMER), I am writing to request extension of the time to submit written comments relative to the ANPR published on December 22, 1998.

As I have been considering the substance of comments we plan to submit, I have had a number of conversations with the Association For The Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI). IAMER has agreed to participate as a Co-sponsor of an AAMI conference to be held in Washington sometime in the August-September 1998 timeframe. The purpose of the conference will be to bring together parties which may have an interest in this matter for a multi-day discussion. It is my understanding that the FDA will be invited to participate in this conference.

Given that I believe that this can be a productive event, I think the quality of our comments, as well as the comments of others, may be improved by participation. Therefore, I think it would be useful to have the opportunity to defer written comments until the conclusion of the conference.

Therefore, I respectfully ask that the deadline for filing comments be extended until the conclusion of this conference. Based on my last conversation with Kathy Warye of AAMI, it seems most likely that the conference will be held in September of 1998. A filing date extension until late October or early November, should give all parties sufficient time to consider the views exchanged and respond accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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President

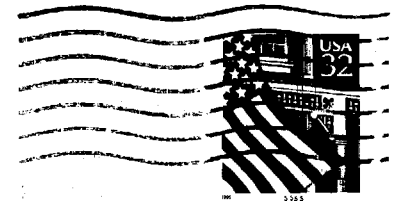
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